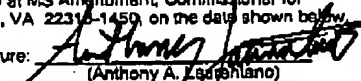


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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed July 5, 2006 (Paper No. 20060508), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 7 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

An Appendix including amended drawing figures is attached following page 17 of this paper.